

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:**

Anchorage - Mears Middle School - Furnish 32 Classrooms

State Funding Requested: \$ 169,600**House District: 27 - N**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Furnish 32 Classrooms with Tables and Chairs to Replace Universal-Style Desks

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$169,600**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Mears Middle School is now twenty-two years old. Mears currently has thirty-two core classrooms furnished universal-style desks. These desks were made for classrooms utilized by a teacher standing in front of rows and giving traditional lecture style lessons. Instructional strategies used today in our building include many cooperative learning strategies, group work, team projects, and require the ability to change the classroom into many different configurations. In order to do this, modern classroom tables are much more useful and easy to arrange. They also provide more space than the small and uncomfortable desks from the past. We currently do not have the funds in our school or district budget to replace these desks with tables and chairs.

By looking at new Anchorage schools such as South and Dimond High Schools and Begich Middle School, we have been able to find models of the types of tables and chairs that would help us move into a more useful and modern classroom. We are able to purchase one classroom set at this time, but would eventually like to replace all universal desks in our Social Studies, Math, and Language Arts classrooms. The cost of purchasing tables and chairs for one classroom of up to thirty-five students is currently \$5,212.00. A total number of thirty-two classrooms are involved, bringing the eventual cost in current figures to \$169,600. We would appreciate any help that could be given to this ongoing project.

Project Timeline:

Project will begin when funds become available

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Anchorage School District

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Contact Name: Michael Perkins, Principal or Sue Todd, PTSA President

Phone Number: 907-742-6400

Address: 2700 W. 100th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99515

Email:

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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From: Perkins_Michael [Perkins_Michael@asdk12.org]
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2007 3:39 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Cc: Suzanne Todd
Subject: Mears request letter

Attachments: Letter to Craig Johnson



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Representative Johnson,

I appreciate having had the opportunity to meet you this past Saturday at Mears Middle School. I would welcome you to come visit Mears when are students are here to see the excellent work that is currently happening in our building.

I appreciate you offer of assistance for Mears and have attached a letter of our current needs. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to visit, or if you have any questions that I can help with. I will see you sometime during my visit to Juneau from April 23rd - 25th.

Thanks again and I look forward to working with you in the future!

Sincerely,

Michael S. Perkins
Principal - Mears Middle School
President-elect - Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals

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April 9, 2007

Representative Craig Johnson
Alaska State Legislature
House District 28

Representative Johnson,

On behalf of the PTSA board of Mears Middle School, and the Mears Middle School Administration, we would like to honor your request of providing a summary of Mears' current building needs. Mears Middle School is now twenty-two years old. Our wonderful facility has been well maintained and has a bright future if appropriate ongoing changes and maintenance continue. We hope to address parking, bus entrances, and track and field work with a future bond proposal. We are currently in the updating technology, paint, and artwork in our multi-purpose room through a combination of district funds, PTSA support and, most recently, an appropriation last year from our Senator and representatives.

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Thank you for your offer in assistance to Mears Middle School. Our students and community will benefit from your generous support.

Sincerely,

Sue Todd – President, Mears Middle School PTSA
Michael S. Perkins - Principal